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SUMMARY: REF A IS THE DRAFT REPORT BY THE JCEWG TO THE
NATO JOINT C-E COMMITTEE (NJCEC) ON PROGRESS TOWARD CONSOL-
IDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS. WE BELIEVE THE REPORT IS A GOOD
STATEMENT OF THE PRESENT SITUATION, ALTHOUGH WE SUGGEST
SOME CHANGES TO IMPROVE CLARITY, ACCURACY, AND COMPLETENESS.
THE JCEWG CHAIRMAN WANTS WORKING GROUP APPROVAL OF THE
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REPORT ON SEP 2, 1977, THIS APPROVAL IMPLYING EXPECTATION
THAT THE NJCEC WILL ACCEPT THE REPORT WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE
CHANGE. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US PROPOSE CERTAIN CHANGES
AND APPROVE THE REPORT IN THE JCEWG. ACTION REQUESTED:
WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BEFORE AUG 31, 1977. END SUMMARY.

1. REF A IS THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT BY THE JCEWG TO THE

NATO JOINT C-E COMMITTEE (NJCEC) ON PROGRESS TOWARD CONSOLIDATION OF COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. THE CHAIRMAN, JCEWG HOPES TO OBTAIN WORKING GROUP APPROVAL ON SEP 2, 1977 TO SUBMIT THIS REPORT TO THE NJCEC WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT THE NJCEC WILL APPROVE IT IN OCTOBER 1977 WITH NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES. FYI: WE HAVE POUCHED COPIES OF REF A TO WASHINGTON (OASD-C3I) FOR APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION. WE ALSO SENT ONE COPY TO USEUCOM/J6. END FYI.

2. THE GENERAL MOOD OF MANY JCEWG MEMBERS IN PREPARING THIS REPORT WAS APOLOGETIC AND DEFENSIVE. THIS GROUP FELT THE NEED TO EXPLAIN TO THE EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP WHY PROGRESS HAS BEEN LESS THAN SOME MIGHT EXPECT. THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE REPORT, PREPARED BY THE JCEWG CHAIRMAN, WAS IN OUR VIEW EXCESSIVELY NEGATIVE AND DEFEATIST. WE PROPOSED A NUMBER OF REVISIONS (ALMOST ALL INCORPORATED IN THE PRESENT DRAFT) TO GIVE THE REPORT A MORE POSITIVE TONE. WE ALSO GAINED INCLUSION IN THE REPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A NATO POLICY ON INTERCONNECTING SWITCHED SYSTEMS (REF B APPLIES). WE BELIEVE THAT THE REPORT AS NOW DRAFTED, WITH SOME MINOR CHANGES, IS A GOOD STATEMENT OF THE SITUATION.

3. FOLLOWING OUR REVIEW OF THE DRAFT REPORT, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO IMPROVE ITS CLARITY, ACCURACY, AND COMPLETENESS:
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A. PARA 2(C). ADD AT END: AND THE US AUTODIN AND NICS TARE SWITCHES.

B. PARA 2(D). ADD NEW SENTENCE AT END: NICSMA WILL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBLE INTERCONNECTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THIS REPORT AS IT IMPLEMENTS THE NICS.

C. PARA 4. CHANGE LINE 8 TO READ: ... SIMILAR IN GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND TECHNICAL....

D. PARA 4, 6, 7 AND 8. DELETE UNDERSCORING OF PHRASES.

E. PARA 5. IN LINE 3 ADD WORDS TO READ: ... COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS WHICH AT LEAST IN PART GENERALLY COVER....

F. PARA 7. CHANGE LAST LINE TO READ: ... SYSTEMS FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MUTUAL SUPPORT.

G. PARA 8. CHANGE LAST SENTENCE TO READ: ALSO, STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY BETWEEN NATO AND US AUTHORITIES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGING TRANS-ATLANTIC CIRCUITS IN THEIR

RESPECTIVE SATELLITES TO IMPROVE SURVIVABILITY AND FLEXIBILITY.

H. PARA 13. ADD NEW SENTENCE AT END: THIS ATTENTION TO INTEROPERABILITY IMPLIES, OF COURSE, THE INTENT THAT NATO AND NATIONAL NETWORKS WILL BE INTERCONNECTED.

I. PARA 17. CHANGE SENTENCE BEGINNING ON LINE 14 TO READ: THE CONTROLLER, CENTRAL OPERATING AUTHORITY (CCOA) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATING THE NICS.

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J. PARA 20. CHANGE SECOND SENTENCE TO READ: IT AGREED THAT ... IN ADDITION TO DPC/D(74)2, WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE THE RATIONALIZATION OF MODERN SWITCHED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND WILL, INTER ALIA, INCLUDE:

K. PARA 22. REPLACE NICS POLICY COMMITTEE BY NJCEC.

4. FYI. BY SEPTTEL WE WILL PROVIDE A DISCUSSION OF AND OUR VIEWS ON THE ISSUE OF NATO POLICY GOVERNING INTERCONNECTION OF SWITCHED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. END FYI.

5. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US MEMBERS OF THE JCEWG PROPOSE THE CHANGES DESCRIBED ABOVE AND THAT THE US AGREE TO THE

REPORT IN THE JCEWG. (AS NOTED ABOVE, AGREEMENT IN THE
JCEWG IMPLIES SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT IN THE NJCEC.) REQUEST
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